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TITLE: Use of a cytokine regulatory agent to treat rheumatoid arthritis

Brief Summary Paragraph Right (11):

In order to reduce the severity of rheumatoid arthritis due to the expression of cytokines, it would be advantageous if the levels of cytokines that contribute to the deleterious effects associated with rheumatoid arthritis could be regulated. For example, TNF is believed to have a role in rheumatoid arthritis and administration of a soluble TNF receptor fused to an immunoglobulin Fc domain resulted delayed the onset of an experimentally induced arthritis and resulted in a less severe grade of arthritis in mice. This result suggests that such a fusion protein could be useful for reducing the severity of rheumatoid arthritis.